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WHAT TO DO WITH IT.

Supt. Sheats's proposition, that the Indian war fund be lent to the counties for the establishment of high schools, deserves careful consideration. THE HERALD prefers that the entire fund be used in extending into complete and first-class proportions the technological department of the State Agricultural college at Lake City; but if this is not done, then Mr. Sheats's plan seems the next best thing. But how should the loan for the high schools be repaid,—by the counties, or by the sub-school districts? And when repaid, what should be done with the money?

Indeed, both Mr. Sheats's suggestion and THE HERALD's might be successfully carried out at the same time by appropriating a third or a half of the fund for a first-class technological school in connection with the Lake City college and lending the balance to the counties for high schools.

It is not likely that there would be an overwhelming rush by the counties to establish high schools, as many of them are now fairly well supplied, and the demand for this purpose would not take all of the fund.

If half the fund was used for a technological school and the balance lent to the counties at 5 per cent, the resulting interest would sufficiently supplement the present income of the Lake City college to enable it to maintain a first-class technological school. And the interest should be so applied.

The reason the State colleges are not better patronized is that they are lacking in equipments and facilities. Bring any one of them up to the grade of the university of Virginia, or North Carolina or Georgia, and it would speedily overflow with the youth of Florida, to say nothing of attracting students during the winter from our blizzard-afflicted sister States. And so, if the technological department at Lake City was enlarged into a first class school, the same results would follow, and our boys and girls would no longer be found seeking a practical education at the Georgia School of Technology in Atlanta or the Alabama school at Auburn.

We have only to think of the success of the Booker Washington training school for negroes, located at Tuskegee, Ala., to enable us to form some idea of what might be accomplished in the same line for the white children of Florida. And that Tuskegee school is just simply turning out trained and skilled negroes to compete with our children in the struggle for existence. This should be argument enough for such an institution for the white children of Florida.

We want an institution equipped with every facility and open to both girls and boys, and the Indian war fund presents the means for us to have it.

A literary education is not the sine qua non for every boy and girl. Most of them need practical training to fit them to achieve success in life.

The Jacksonville Bar Association urges the adoption of the constitutional amendment to add three new judges to the supreme court. In view of this, we again demand to be informed in detail why it is that the present judges cannot keep up with their work and why they do not render as many decisions as the supreme courts of other Southern States? The following from the Apalachicola Times indicates the spirit that is abroad in the State; and unless the people are quickly given a satisfactory explanation of the exasperating tardiness in our supreme court, the proposed amendment will be defeated.

The Florida supreme court not having rendered a decision for quite a long time, causes the Jacksonville Metropolis to rise to its feet and shout for the people to vote for the amendment increasing the number of judges so that the overworked(?) judges may catch up with their business. We'd like to know if the said court has not had plenty of assistance the past several months? This thing don't look right to us, and we hope that the voters of Florida will vote down the amendment for the reason that it is a useless and an onerous tax upon the people.

It cannot be gainsaid that Tom Johnson of Cleveland is excellent presidential timber. If he carries Ohio for the Democracy in the approaching election, the Louisville Courier-Journal and the PUNTA GORDA HERALD will urge his nomination in 1904.

DOING BIG THINGS.

The colossal ice factory started up one of its refrigerating machines yesterday, and by the time this is read, will be turning out 6-ton chunks of ice. The ammonia arrived last week and all the first part of this week was taken up in charging the immense iron cylinders known as condensers, evaporators, coolers &c. The machinery works beautifully.

The dynamo, electric lights, saws and crane have been installed and are fulfilling their part in the huge scheme.

The ice factory building has been surrounded with large water mains and fireplugs put in at convenient places to afford protection against fire. The big artesian well is supplying plenty of water for present demands, but two or three more wells are to be sunk.

Meanwhile, the construction of the great buildings on the bay is going steadily forward. Nearly all of the cement foundations have been laid and the framing of two of the buildings is up. A vast amount of huge machinery for these buildings is lying on the shore and the process of installing it is likely to begin any day.

The scow, or great barge for the dredge was launched last week and most of the machinery, including two large boilers, has been placed in position on it. The prospect is good that the dredge will begin its work to-day or to-morrow. It may be remarked that this is one of the largest dredges in the United States and it is up-to-date in every particular. It will prove an invaluable factor in the great enterprises of the Consolidated Co. When it gets to work, it will attract universal attention here.

A great deal of interest is taken by our citizens in these colossal operations and many of them daily visit the scene. All strangers arriving also go out and take a look at what is going on and express astonishment at the magnitude of the things they see.

In fact, this immense enterprise is attracting many people to Punta Gorda.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Punta Gorda High School will open on Monday, Sept. 15th. We trust that both pupils and teachers have spent a pleasant vacation and that we will all enter upon our labors next Monday with renewed energy and a more earnest desire to improve our minds than we have ever had before.

I wish that every pupil of our school could realize in the beginning that these are his "golden opportunities;" and if they are allowed to glide by unimproved and unregarded, that he will have the penalty to pay, which is always a sad one.

We thank the patrons and the pupils for the interest that they manifested in the school work last year and we urgently request that they give us their heartiest co-operation again this year.

Attention is called to the fact that a graded course of study has been arranged for the school and adopted. This will be closely followed and the work will be conducted strictly upon graded school principles. Pupils who have no standing recorded in the High School Record Book will be examined upon entering and will be classified according to the results of said examination.

Catalogues containing course of study and regulations of the school will be ready for distribution during the first week. They would have been distributed some time ago, but the work of printing was unavoidably delayed.

Hoping that every prospective pupil will enter the first day and be properly classified, and believing that this term of school will be a very successful one, I remain,

Very Truly Yours,
M. H. SMITH, Prin.

The estimable wife of the editor of the Ocala Banner is apparently opposed to his views on divorce. She presented him with a new son on the 8th. The entire State press is offering deserved congratulations.

The Times-Union and Citizen is apparently chagrined over the reception given its anti-Callistic editorials by the State press. Does our esteemed metropolitan contemporary expect us to abet it in kicking up a political row two years ahead of time? It is too very previous.

Editor Isaacs of the Fort Myers press seeks to appropriate the belt for fish stories on the ground that Capt. Fischer, of the steamer St. Lucie, caught a 150-lb. tarpon last week at the Punta Gorda railroad dock. At the same time he admits that our fishermen catch forty acres of fish at one fell swoop; anyhow they ship fifteen car-loads per week; and in view of this and of the fact that Capt. Fischer's tarpon was caught at the Punta Gorda dock, we cannot understand why Brother Isaacs should think Fort Myers entitled to the belt.

A man discontinued his subscription to the Gainesville Sun; whereupon, Editor McCreary last week gave him a mauling for it. Editor Stovall of the Tampa Tribune says that is the way to do, that any man who doesn't take his home paper deserves to be thrashed. If Editor's McCreary and Stovall do not charge too much for their services, THE HERALD would like to engage them for a few weeks. They are brainy men and evidently have a correct conception of their duties.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

The subscription list of THE HERALD will be revised shortly and all subscribers who are as much as a year in arrears will be left off the list.

Mr. J. M. Morgan returned from White Springs last week. He was accompanied by his children, Mrs. J. B. Cox and her baby boy, and Maude, Violet and Jess. Mrs. Morgan and baby Henry and Miss Mary remained at the springs, but are expected home in a few days, if not this week.

A gentleman from Fort Ogden who was out driving in a buggy with two young ladies, Tuesday afternoon, met with a mishap near the big ice factory that might have proved serious. He was so interested in his companions, which is very natural, that he neglected to pay attention to the horse, which was trotting pretty briskly, and the animal strayed from the road and brought the buggy plump against a stump, with the result that the three occupants were pitched headforemost to the ground. The three were bruised and scratched and the buggy was broken, but no serious damage done. Ladies living near by who witnessed the accident were greatly alarmed for a time.

ALL MUST REGISTER.

Those who registered for the July and August primaries must register again, if they wish to vote in the November election. And now is the time to do it. The books are open at Judge Hardee's residence on Cross street every Tuesday and Saturday from 9 a. m. till noon and from 2 till 7 p. m. Books will close in two or three weeks.

Register at once.

SHIPMENTS OF FISH.

For the week ending Wednesday night, Sept. 10th, the following shipments of fresh fish were made from this point:

By freight—10 solid cars and 3 barrels.

By express—6 cars, 220 barrels. Total—16 cars, 223 barrels, amounting to 412,000 pounds.

PINEAPPLE SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments of fancy pineapples made by express from this point for the week ending Sept. 10:

Sept. 4th	38 crates
" 5th	36 "
" 6th	33 "
" 7th	30 "
" 8th	60 "
" 9th	41 "
" 10th	30 "
Total	238 c'ts.

EXCELLENT TRAINING.

The results of the last teachers examination in this county add to the credit reflected by the June examination upon the excellent work done by Prof. T. B. Hartig's training school at Brownville. Not one of the twelve students of that school who applied for teacher's certificates failed to pass. All except one succeeded at the first examination, and that one and two others who had studied under Prof. Hartig since June, obtained certificates in the September examination. This certainly speaks well for the training which the professor gives his students.

We understand that, during the spring months, Prof. Hartig will teach a school at some convenient place in the county, whose purpose will be especially directed towards normal work. Those who may contemplate attending such a school might do well to communicate early with him. His post office is Brownville.

MISSIONARY RALLY.

The Methodist Sunday School will have a missionary rally at 7:30 p. m. on the first Sunday in October. Those who attended the rally last year will remember that it was a complete success, but now it is proposed to have even a better one; and the Methodist Sunday School may be depended upon to do whatever it proposes to do.

Superintendent McLean and his pupils know no such word as fail; they are the liveliest lot of Sunday School folks in the land. They have already begun their preparations for the coming rally and on next Sunday, at 10 a. m., they will give you some idea of the vim and Christian enterprise which characterize them. Everybody, especially the Methodists and friends of the Methodists, is urged to be present.

There will be one or two short, but forcible lectures by earnest speakers, and the songs and recitations of the children will delight all who attend. Remember, it is this coming Sunday morning. Every body be there!

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